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We all have our own talents, but some are more obvious than others. Read here to discover your hidden talent based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, your hidden talent is that you are an excellent cook. You love to bake and try out new recipes and all of your friends look forward to dinner at your place.

TAURUS

Taurus, you are a person of many talents. But the talent that no one knows about is the fact that you can ride a unicycle... while juggling fruit. You might as well join the circus.

GEMINI

Gemini, you are a vivacious person with a contagious attitude. Your hidden talent is perhaps your ability to share your positivity with others.

CANCER

Cancer, you have a pretty analytical mind, but sometimes you like to branch out. Your hidden talent is your ability to be extremely creative in design and art.

LEO

Leo, most people don't know this about you, but your hidden talent is actually bringing people together. It took awhile for you to actually notice it yourself. You have a knack for making others see the good in the people around them.

VIRGO

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Virgo, you may not even know it yet yourself, but your hidden talent is that you are an excellent speaker. You know exactly the right words to say to a crowd and you have excellent control of your emotions.

LIBRA

Libra, your hidden talent is your ability to lead others. Being a leader is not something you would have pictures yourself doing, but you have a good head on your shoulders and others are starting to take notice of that.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, your hidden talent is your ability to make even the shyest of people feel comfortable talking about themselves. Your honest and sincere smile invites people in to share their trials and struggles with you.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, your hidden talent is perhaps your attention to detail. You are a bit of a perfectionist and although this can sometimes hold you back, most of the time it builds you up and makes you a valuable team player.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, this definitely isn't hidden, but it is one of your most useful talents. Your ability to brainstorm ideas and turn ideas into action is something valuable that everyone around you is so grateful for.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you have a hidden talent of being able to tell when people are lying. This can be a blessing or a curse, but most of the time it just frustrates you and makes you a bit curious.

PISCES

Pisces, your hidden talent is that you have an excellent sense of direction. You always know where you are and where you are going. A compass is something you have never needed.

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Stimulus Checks: President Biden signs American Rescue Plan
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
March 15, 2021

On March 11, President Joe Biden signed off on the American Rescue Plan, a 1.9 trillion COVID relief bill. Americans who are eligible may have received a third stimulus check this past weekend.

American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan has been in the works for several weeks as President Biden, the Senate and the House of Representatives all proposed different potential plans for delivering a third stimulus check to Americans.

The third stimulus check, worth \$1,400, could have been deposited into the bank accounts of those eligible as early as this past weekend; however, the Biden Administration is only guaranteeing that Americans will receive the money sometime in the upcoming weeks.

Americans who received a paper check for previous stimulus checks are likely to receive their stimulus check at a later date than those who receive it electronically.

Compared to the previous two stimulus checks, a much larger portion of the United States will be eligible for the extra aid than ever before.

“Biden said 85% of American households will be eligible...With the third check’s new eligibility details, millions of people will get thousands of dollars more than they did with the first two payments,” CNet Personal Finance writers Clifford Colby and Julia Snyder said in a recent article breaking down the new law.

Eligibility for the stimulus check

The following are requirements Americans must meet in order to receive the upcoming stimulus check, based off of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for the years of 2019 or 2020:

- Individual independents with an AGI below \$80,000.
- Being the head of household with an AGI below \$120,000.
- Couple joint filings with a combined AGI below \$160,000.
- Dependents of all ages (including college students) may receive a stimulus check if their guardian(s) fall into one of the AGI groups above.

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- Mixed citizenship families, US citizens living abroad, SSDI/SSI recipients, US territory citizens, incarcerated individuals and people who owe child support are also included in the third stimulus check so long as they fall into one of the above AGI categories (and may have additional criteria to meet).

In addition to the above requirements, citizens in most cases need to have filed their 2019 or 2020 taxes in order to receive their stimulus checks.

“Your filing status, AGI, and number of dependents will be taken from either your 2019 or 2020 return,” tax editor for the Kiplinger Rocky Mingle said in a recent update on the third stimulus check. “If your 2020 return is already filed and processed when the IRS is ready to send your payment, your stimulus check will be based on information from your 2020 return. If your 2020 return isn’t filed and processed at that point, the IRS will use your 2019 return.”

There are some exemptions that allow Americans to receive the third stimulus check without having their 2019 or 2020 taxes filed. This includes being age 24 or older and receiving SSI or SSDI, or an independent and having an income below \$12,000 a year (or joint married income below \$24,400).

With adult dependents eligible for the third stimulus check, many college students are able to receive the check when they have not been able to receive the previous two. In most cases, the check is given to the person who claims the adult dependent and they are responsible for determining how the money is used.

“The pandemic affected me by making it ten times harder for me to get a job, even though I have bills to pay,” Wright State University student Lauryn Phillips said.

Phillips is a criminal justice major with a double minor in forensics and psychology who said that she believes college students should have been eligible for the previous two stimulus checks, and that a fourth check should be distributed in the weeks to come.



SGA Elections: 2021 Candidates List Announced

Makenzie Hoeferlin

March 15, 2021

2021 SGA Candidates List

President and Vice President Ticket

Jonathan Ciero & Sabrina D'Alesandro

Raj Soin College of Business Senator

Troy Oates

College of Education and Human Services Senator

Hannelore Sammons-Ginger

College of Engineering and Computer Science Senator

Anna Spiros

Residential Senator

Natalie Scheidegger

Chad Dudash

College of Liberal Arts Senator

Madison Janson

College of Science and Math Senator

Jeemi Shah

Kayla Roberts

Commuter Senator



Alaina Collins

Nursing and Health Senator

N/A

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Women's Basketball Wins Horizon League For Second Time in Three Years, Claims NCAA Ticket
Noah Kindig
March 15, 2021

After earning the first seed in the Horizon League tournament due to finishing as regular-season champions, the Wright State Women's basketball team beat IUPUI 53-41 in the finals of the Horizon League tournament, winning the League post-season and a ticket to the NCAA Championships.

The team battled through Northern Kentucky, Cleveland State, and League Player of the Year Macee Williams with IUPUI to claim the Horizon League title for the second time in three seasons.

"I'm so proud of this group," Head Coach Katrina Merriweather said. "We knew that [IUPUI] would come out and compete... it means a lot of us to be here right now."

All-Tournament MVP.

Angel Baker led the scoring for the Raiders in all three games, averaging 25 PPG on 53 percent shooting to earn the All-Tournament MVP. For Baker and Merriweather, being from Indianapolis made this a homecoming victory.

"It means a lot to represent this city," Baker said. "It's even more special when you're at home."

Baker was backed up by senior Tyler Frierson, whose points in the paint and offensive rebounds through all three games earned her a spot on the All-Tournament team. The All-Tournament team was rounded out by IUPUI's Macee Williams and Rachel McLimore, as well as Cleveland State's Mariah White.

Throughout the season, players had to sacrifice a lot in order to make the season happen. They weren't able to travel or see family members when they normally would have. For Merriweather and Baker, it means everything for the team.

"We had to sacrifice a lot... not seeing family, not being able to go places," Baker said. "That moment is like... 'We really did it. We did it.'... the hard work paid off."

"It means everything to me for them," Merriweather said. "It just is a testament to them being able to stay focused, locked in, and realize that this experience was worth it."

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Who are they playing?

With middle-to-lower seeds in the NCAA tournament reserved for winners of mid-major leagues, the Lady Raiders will most likely earn a 14-11 spot for the games in Texas.

The most likely matchups there for the Raiders would be Georgia, Mississippi State, Indiana, or Arizona, based off of NCAA predictions.

However, Wright State may not be the only Horizon League Representative in this year's NCAA tournament. With how well IUPUI played in the postseason against the Raiders, star player Macee Williams may have earned the Jags enough respect to steal a sixteenth spot.

Williams and McLimore could earn enough respect for the committee to be one of the last four in, though they would face some of the toughest teams in the country in the first round.

However, with the Jags winning the Horizon League last year but being denied an NCAA berth due to the tournament being cancelled, any game in Texas would mean the world to this team.

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Plasma Donation at the Nutter Center March 16: Can You Donate?

Alexis Wisler

March 16, 2021

Community Blood Center is hosting a convalescent plasma donation at the Nutter Center on March 16 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Individuals must provide proof that they either had the coronavirus or had a positive antibody test to be eligible to donate.

What is convalescent plasma?

Different from normal blood donations, the plasma donation drive will be taking convalescent plasma from donors.

“Convalescent plasma is an antibody-rich product made from blood donated by people who have recovered from the disease caused by the virus,” according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website.

The process for donating convalescent plasma is similar to the process for donating blood, however, the drawing process will take around 45 minutes instead.

The donation process

First time plasma donors can call 937-461-3320 to ask any questions that they may have about the donation process and to gain a better understanding of the antibody testing that is required before donating.

Once individuals know what to expect and are eligible to donate, they can schedule a time to donate for the March 16 drive on the Community Blood Center website.

The plasma drive is taking place in the Berry Room of the Nutter Center, located on the parking lot level of lot #1.

“Because this is a CCP plasma donation event, the donors must have pre-registered and have submitted paperwork to a designated email address at the Community Blood Center showing they have a positive COVID test result or are positive for having the antibodies,” Wright State University Nutter Center Marketing Manager Misty Cox said.

Upon arrival, donors will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about their health history and any risk factors for donating that they might have. Donors will also be given a health exam where

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their temperature, heart rate, blood pressure and hemoglobin levels will be checked, according to the Community Blood Center Public Relations and Marketing Manager Mark Pompilio.

After the drawing process, donors are encouraged to wait a few minutes before leaving to ensure that they have no negative reactions from donating. Pompilio suggests eating a small snack to raise blood sugar levels before driving.

Moving forward

Although local hospitals are not using as much convalescent plasma as before, other hospitals are still in need of it. In addition to this, some convalescent plasma is going into national storage in case there is a spike in cases, according to Pompilio.

Even though hospitals do not need as much convalescent plasma to treat coronavirus patients, only plasma with the highest number of antibodies will be sent to hospitals, so it is important that the donation pool is as big as possible.

“Hopefully everything is going to get better and at some point we’re not even going to need to collect it anymore, or that they have so much stored that they don’t have to worry about collecting more, but there are definitely some unknowns out there,” Pompilio said.

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Short Audio Books to Listen to in Six Hours or Less

Ariel Parker

March 16, 2021

When all you want to do after Spring Break is relax, audiobooks can be a great way to stimulate your brain while still having enough time to get your work done. Here are some short audiobooks that can be listened to in around 6 hours (or less)!

“Red at the Bone” by Jacqueline Woodson

Spanning three generations in a Black family, we follow the aftermath of teen pregnancy and go back in time to witness major events in each of the character’s lives. With five narrators—one of them Woodson herself—each with a distinct voice, you will quickly transport into this poignant and compelling story about race, class and family.

“Weather” by Jenny Offill

When Lizzie Benson accepts a gig to answer mail for a climate change podcast hosted by her former mentor, she muses over her anxieties about climate change, the 2016 election and her family. This is an acclaimed book that speaks very much to the times.

“Every Heart a Doorway” by Seanan McGuire

This unique portal fantasy is perfect for fans of Narnia and is about a boarding school full of children who have memories of another world and have to figure out how to live in the real world. This is the first novella in a series, so there is no guarantee that you will not want to binge through the rest of the fantastic books in the series.

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Men's Basketball Falls to Milwaukee, Looks Toward Selection Sunday

Noah Kindig

March 17, 2021

After finishing as regular-season champions along with the Cleveland State Vikings, Wright State looked to secure an NCAA bid in the Horizon League Championship.

However, the Raiders were unable to secure the bid. Their quarterfinal match was against the Milwaukee Panthers, a team that the Raiders had beaten twice only weeks earlier.

The Raiders pushed to a 72-48 lead far into the second half, but a 24-point comeback from Milwaukee in the last seven minutes and a 3-pointer in the last few seconds brought the game to overtime.

The Panthers' momentum was too much to stop, as guard DeAndre Gholston scored 31 points in the game to eliminate the Raiders by one basket, 94-92.

"It's probably for our players, one of if not the most disappointing losses they've ever had. As I would say for me too," Head Coach Scott Nagy said. "It's some pain we'll have to deal with."

The Panthers would fall to eventual champions Cleveland State in the next round, as the Vikings beat Oakland in the finals to secure a March Madness ticket for the first time in 12 years.

A Possible Spot

With 36 spots up for grabs across the country, it is unlikely that the Raiders will be given a spot. However, The Horizon League has had multiple bids nine times throughout history, and even three teams made the bracket in 1998.

With Wright State's regular season championship, over 35-point victory against Cleveland State and predictions before the Raiders elimination putting them as a 14 or 13 seed, it is possible that this could be the tenth time that two Horizon League schools make the tournament.

The Raiders have impressive season stats to back them up as well, with the eleventh highest PPG in the Nation, and the least allowed points in the Horizon League.

But, with most lower seeds being reserved for lesser-known conference champions, it is much more likely that the SEC, Big Ten, and Big 12 will fill in the gaps for this year's bracket. The Big

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Ten alone could send eight or more schools into the bracket, with four teams earning a one or two seed.

Cheer on the Vikings

Currently, Cleveland State is the only certain representative from the Horizon League in this year's bracket, and will most likely be the only one. The Vikings will most likely get a lower 15-13 seed, and face off against either Purdue, Kansas, or Houston.

While the Raiders and Vikings had a rivalry throughout the season, with the teams going 1-1 in the regular season, Cleveland State will be a strong Horizon-League representative in the tournament.

Torrey Patton rightfully earned an All-Tournament MVP for his play in all of Cleveland State's games, and Tre Gomillion's defensive play also earned him a spot on this year's All-Tournament team.

Patton's almost 400 points throughout the season with other offensive threats like Gomillion, D'Moi Hodge, and Craig Beaudion will bring depth to any opponent they come across.

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Intercollegiate Athletics Committee: Trustees Trying to Determine Full Impact of Athletics at WSU

Nicolas Benvenuto

March 17, 2021

The Wright State University (WSU) Board of Trustees (BoT) Special Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met virtually on Monday March 8, discussing goals and objectives needed to complete charges set by BoT Chair Tom Gunlock in January of this year.

Committee mission

Charges set by Gunlock include the committee completing an analysis of intercollegiate athletics, the current status, role and inclusion of intercollegiate athletics at universities, the impact of the coronavirus on athletics and the review of any NCAA changes to intercollegiate athletics due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Goals and objectives

“Chairman Gunlock wants us to be proactive,” Committee Chair Marty Grunder said. “We need to make recommendations in three distinct areas. Recommendations include how it [coronavirus] has affected intercollegiate sports here at WSU, how WSU can best position itself moving forward and lastly being mindful of how this will effect enrollment and retention opportunities.”

Grunder acknowledged the unforeseen difficulties that the coronavirus has brought upon the university as well as the trustee’s outside business ventures as well.

“There’s been a lot of challenges we’ve been faced with, and quite frankly with those challenges have come opportunities for us to reinvent things. You can look at the glass as half full, or you can look at the glass as half empty. In higher education especially, I believe we should view it as half full and continue to build on what we have in place,” Grunder said.

Trustee Doug Fecher placed an emphasis on looking at how WSU compares to peer institutions, whether it be fellow Horizon league universities or public universities in general.

“I think we need to spend a good amount of time hearing from key constituencies around athletics not just at universities in general, but those here at Wright State specifically,” Fecher said.

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Fecher also wants to learn more about not just athletics at the NCAA competition level, but intramural and club sports at WSU as well.

“I just think if we are going to look at athletics at Wright State, we need to look at all athletics,” Fecher said.

“We need to talk to Bob Grant [WSU Director of Athletics], we need to hear from students, from faculty and Raider fans in the community to fully understand the impact of athletics here at Wright State,” Fecher said.

Trustee Brittney Whiteside agreed with Fecher.

“We have to come from a point of understanding. Gathering the information will be key for us to take a step back and really assess and make recommendations,” Whiteside said.

Trustee Andy Platt agreed with his fellow trustees, and added an emphasis on the importance of looking at recruitment and retention opportunities to ensure the long-term success of athletics and Wright State as a whole.

“I look forward to working with everyone here on seeing how we can find possible opportunities to include athletics in our work to increase our enrollment and retention numbers at this university, because that is so important as we look to the future of Wright State,” Platt said.

Moving forward, the Committee plans to meet again in two weeks, with monthly recurring meetings to follow before a final report is created and is presented to the BoT at a later date.

To view the full list of BoT meetings, meeting agendas and a full list of trustees, click [here](#).

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SGA: Hazing, Scooters on Campus and an Executive Order
Kaylee Raines
March 17, 2021

On Tuesday, March 26 the Student Government Association (SGA) met via WebEx to discuss resolutions and an executive order related to Wright State University (WSU) students.

Bringing Scooters to Campus with SPIN

SGA President Adrian Williams is working to bring scooters to campus so students can use them to conveniently get to and from classes. The program is called SPIN, and involves using an app to rent a scooter for transportation use. Prices involve a \$1 unlocking fee and a range of \$0.15-\$0.35 per minute. Additionally, students can save \$0.50 on their unlocking fee if they return the scooter to a charging port or other designated area.

Furthermore, this program would be made accessible to low-income students with some pricing adjustments and the ability to apply Pell Grants to the costs of this service. Low-income students would pay \$0.50 unlocking fees + \$0.07 per minute to use the scooters.

In addition to the accessibility, Williams believes the scooters will appeal to prospective students and assist in recruiting measures.

At this time, no official legislation has been passed to move this proposal forward as the current administration is leaving it for the next SGA staff to decide as they are elected.

Ohio Hazing Law Reform: Collin's Law

Chief Policy Officer Hannah Weisgerber did a presentation to discuss what happened at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) and how that incident affects WSU students. With the tragic passing of Stone Foltz, many Ohio universities are taking steps to increase punishment for hazing and raise awareness to prevent future events.

Named after Ohio University student, Collin Wiant, Collin's Law is working to improve current hazing legislation and increase punishment for those guilty of hazing. SGA discussed their intention to go to Columbus and present testimony to support this bill. President Williams said that this will be further discussed at future meetings to determine the exact steps that SGA will take in regards to this legislation.

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It is important to note that this legislation would hold any students associated with hazing accountable—not just those in direct contact with the victim. Witnesses who do not speak up are also culpable for the hazing as well.

“Violation of being aware of hazing and not reporting is guilty of failing to report hazing, a fourth-degree misdemeanor,” Weisgerber said.

With this, hazing will be more strictly monitored and hold more people accountable than current policies.

Executive Order 21-01

President Williams mandated this executive order to develop the Student Life Reintegration Task Force that will help students acclimate to campus life. Members will include members of SGA, members of the Coordinating 9 organizations, members of the general student body and staff/faculty. The goal is to work towards a post-pandemic future on campus and work to develop campus life back to where it was before the coronavirus.

This order will be signed effective the first day of summer to ensure a smooth transition for Fall 2021.

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 7pm via WebEx; all students are welcome to attend.

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St. Barbara Community to Worship at WSU Chapel
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
March 17, 2021

Earlier this month, the St. Barbara Community began to worship at the John Basco Chapel on Wright State University (WSU) grounds. Although this arrangement is temporary, members of both communities are welcome to partake in any of the upcoming services planned.

St. Barbara Community

The St. Barbara Community is a part of the Byzantine Catholic Community, a group of 24 churches that all serve under the leadership of Pope Francis, the bishop of Rome. The St. Barbara Community consists of about 70 members from the Dayton-Cincinnati area.

"It is an ancient custom to help each other mutually. In our case it meant that the Roman Catholic Parish of Holy Rosary, Dayton, offered us to use the church of St. Stephen on Troy Rd. Since the facility was recently sold, we were in need to find a new place," St. Barbara Community Pastor Fr. Robert Jager said.

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Byzantine Church | Photo submitted by Father Robert of the Byzantine Church

John Basco Chapel

When Jager and the St. Barbara Community were in search of a comfortable and affordable place to worship, they came across the John Basco Chapel. Shortly thereafter, Jager and Fr. Tim Fahey— a pastor at John Basco Chapel— came to an agreement that involved sharing the worship space temporarily.

“St. Barbara Byzantine Catholic Community is a pretty small community that doesn’t have their own place yet,” Fahey said. “Since Saturday afternoons are generally one of the less busy times of the week for us, we agreed to give it a shot. It is a temporary arrangement, for a few years at most, or until they are able to secure their own church. It’s worth a little inconvenience for both of us to be able to celebrate and share our heritage as Christians.”

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While the John Basco Chapel's worship schedule remains the same for the weeks to come, the following are when the St. Barbara Community plans to gather through the remaining weeks of the Lenten season:

- Thursday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Canon of St. Andrew
- Saturday, March 20 at 4 p.m. Akatistos and Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, March 25 at 6 p.m. Feast of Annunciation
- Saturday, March 27 at 4 p.m. Vigil of Palm Sunday with blessing the palms
- Holy Monday, March 29 at 6 p.m. Presanctified Gifts with Anointing the Sick
- Holy Friday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Vespers with Burial Service
- Holy Saturday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Easter Vigil with Blessing of Pascha

"I'm glad that even with covid people are still able to gather and worship," Catholic student Cal Kahoun said. "Although I am not currently worshipping on campus, I am glad that those who choose to have the opportunity to do so".

Both Jager and Fahey have stated that members of the WSU community (Catholic or not) are welcome to attend services of either church.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Glo Juice Bar and Cafe
Nicolas BenVenuto
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Glo Juice Bar & Cafe in Dayton, OH seeks to welcome those in the area into a healthier lifestyle by providing cold-pressed smoothies, smoothie bowls and entrees; all 100% vegan and gluten-free and crafted with raw ingredients.

Healthy living

Located at 1120 Brown St. in Dayton, Glo Juice Bar & Cafe has been serving locals diet-safe menu options since opening in October of 2019.

Owner and operator Amy Beaver, who also owns and operates Dayton's Butter Cafe, says that while The Butter Cafe is a place that encompasses her cravings, Glo Juice Bar & Cafe is a place that you don't have to worry about feeling like you "cheated" on your diet.

"The inspiration for Glo comes from who I am Monday through Friday," Beaver said. "I love to work out and eat healthy foods so it just kind of made sense. The Butter Cafe is more of who I am if I'm indulging."

Beaver said that she realized that juicing and making smoothies regularly on your own can be a hassle, and wanted to have a restaurant that could provide smoothies that are healthy and save customers time.

"I know that there are people who want to have these juice drinks and smoothies, but they don't want the hassle and cleanup that comes from doing it yourself. I also didn't want to be like some of the chain juice and smoothie places either. More often than not, the sugar content and ingredients used are equivalent to some milkshakes, and at that point you think you are eating healthy but you really aren't," Beaver said.

Overcoming challenges

It's no secret that the coronavirus has shaped and changed locally owned small businesses in ways that were unforeseen.

Beaver said that telling her employees to file for unemployment at the beginning of the global pandemic was one of the hardest things she's had to do as a business owner.

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“Being that we had just opened in October of 2019, I had to look for ways to save money and operation costs. I was running the juice bar entirely by myself and just running back and forth between Glo and The Butter Cafe,” Beaver said. “It wasn’t easy but sometimes you’re just thrown into situations and you have to sink or swim. That’s what it felt like at the start, sink or swim.”

Menu options

Glo Juice Bar & Cafe’s menu is a culmination of Beaver’s experiences while traveling.

Customers can order cold-pressed juices in 12 or 16oz bottles, juice shots, smoothies with fresh fruit and a variety of 100% vegan and gluten free entrees.

Beaver said that the vegan mac n cheese, smoothie bowls and nut milk crafted in house are amongst customer favorites.

“In the Summer I like to try to get as many local ingredients as possible,” Beaver said.

In colder months, Glo offers vegan chili, Korean rice and an overall heartier menu.

Customer experience

20-year-old UD student Sasha Wyle says that Glo is a place she can stop at on her way home from the gym and loves the atmosphere provided by the cafe.

“I love the living wall that Glo has inside and the smoothies are really amazing,” Wyle said.

“When you want something with sweetness but you aren’t trying to eat unhealthy, it’s a great option especially for those attending UD.”

Wyle’s boyfriend Glenn Davis echoed the deliciousness of the Glo’s smoothies, and said that the chocolate peanut butter banana is his favorite.

“I come to Glo a few times a month and I’ve really never had a bad experience. You can taste the freshness in everything you’re buying and that means a lot. Everything is done right in front of you and the process doesn’t take long so you can stop even when you’re in a hurry and get your smoothie,” Davis said.

To view Glo Juice Bar & Cafe full menu, hours of operation and directions click [here](#).

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Virtual Career Fairs: What to Expect

Roxanne Roessner

March 18, 2021

Virtual Career Days will take place on March 15, 17 and 19 from 1-3 p.m. Students and alumni are encouraged to attend and meet local employers around Dayton and Celina. There is also a Virtual Career Fair March 23.

What to expect

Career Services Advisor Katy Popplewell suggests that students keep an eye on their WSU email accounts for information about the upcoming events. The career days will be hosted through Collaborate Ultra and can be accessed through student's handshake accounts.

Students will enter the virtual meeting room and then go to the different employer's breakout rooms for 15 minutes. There they will speak to one another and the student can give the employer their résumé.

According to the Lake Campus Virtual Career Days flyer, Career Days connect current Lake Campus students, Wright State alumni, and community members with area employers. Employers can provide an overview of their organization, connect with attendees and discuss careers and opportunities based on the day's specific academic areas/specialties.

"I don't want students to get discouraged if they do not make these connections with potential employers. It's a way to build contacts with employers and to learn more about the company," Popplewell said.

How to prepare

According to Director of Workforce Development and Career Consultant Wayne Stark, the best way to prepare for career fairs, virtual or not, is to research the businesses, dress professionally and try to make a connection with the employer.

"One of the things that I shared in my workshop was that you need to practice with a friend, a career services person, your parents and practice how you might interact with a potential employer," Stark said.

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Stark works with students one on one, building up their resumes and helping them to chart their course before and after graduating. Stark also suggests that students remember to write potential employers a note or letter after meeting with them.

The schedule

The first career day will be on March 15 and focus on Integrated Sciences, Agriculture and Ag Business.

Employers attending are Alloway, Cooper Farms, iScribeMD and Prairie Star Farms

On March 17, Business, Applied Business, Supervision & Management, Multimedia/Graphic Design, Liberal Studies, Organizational Leadership, Communication and English will be highlighted.

The employers attending are Celina Tent, Central Insurance Companies, Crown Equipment Corporation, Lange Photographics, Reynolds & Reynolds, Totally Promotional and Van-Griner Learning.

On March 19 the focus will be on Nursing, Social Work and Psychology. The employers attending are Coleman Professional Services Inc., Homefull, iScribeMD, Mercy Health, Mercer Residential Services, Inc., Van Wert Health and Wilson Health.

For questions, additional offerings, and career prep assistance, email Katy Popplewell, Lake Campus Career Services Advisor: katy.popplewell@wright.edu.

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Recent Data Shows Why Students Choose WSU

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As the incoming class of 2025 begins committing to their universities of choice, recent data shows that the majority of Wright State University's (WSU) top feeder schools are from the Dayton-Miami area. Many students, including transfer students, who commit to WSU say that the affordability and program options are some of their top deciding factors in choosing a university.

WSU Connections to Local K-12 Schools

In the last three consecutive years, the top ten feeder high schools all come from a region known as Raider Country, a bubble of nearby cities and districts that surround WSU.

"While many international and out-of-state students come to live in and love the Dayton region, most of our students hail from the region we call Raider Country, wanting the convenience of a nearby, accessible university offering countless opportunities to gain hands-on experience with our industry, military, education, health care, and research partners," Interim Chief Recruitment and Admissions Officer Jen McCamis said in a Board of Trustees meeting earlier this academic year.

In a presentation given at the same Board of Trustees meeting, McCamis stated that 748 first-year students at WSU were scholarship recipients, and 34% of first-year students were Pell Grant recipients.

"Wright State's work with local K-12 schools and community colleges is extensive and on-going. It is built upon strong and evolving relationships rooted in Wright State's effort to continually reach out to districts and ask them what their students' specific needs are of Wright State," WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess said.

The top three colleges within WSU that first-year students study within are the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Engineering & Computer Science and the College of Science & Math.

Transfer Students

Along with WSU's efforts to work with local K-12 schools, the university also offers pathways with other local colleges in order to aid students in receiving their degree.

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“The Wright Path double degree program with Sinclair formalizes links between Wright State and Sinclair to provide seamless student movement between the institutions. Goals include improving academic program articulation, promoting degree completion and using resources at both institutions efficiently,” Bauguess said. “Similar pathway programs with Clark State, Edison State and others help support an invaluable Wright State community college network.”

A large portion of transfer students in recent years are local, with over 500 students receiving scholarships and 36% receiving the pell grant their first year.

“I chose Wright State because it was closer to home and I was a single mother when I transferred from Sinclair,” WSU transfer student Sandra Fox said. “I am happy with that decision and very glad to have made the friends I have so far during my time here”.

Fox is only a few semesters away from graduating with a Bachelors of Arts in Crime and Justice Studies.

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Governor DeWine Plans to Lift Health Orders in Near Future

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A statewide address was delivered on March 4 by Gov. Mike DeWine where he thoroughly discussed Ohio's plan to lift all health orders.

Being on the offensive

DeWine plans to lift all health orders once active coronavirus cases get to 50 per 100,000 people.

"We have the most efficient, effective, the most powerful weapon, and that is the vaccine," DeWine said.

In Ohio, more than 1.8 million have been vaccinated, but DeWine still stresses the need to get more vaccinations out to Ohioans.

Wright State Physician's first vaccine clinic

On March 13, Wright State Physicians (WSP) held its first vaccine clinic. That same week the Geriatrics Department administered 35 Covid-19 vaccines to their home-bound patients.

Director of Practice Operations Pamela Kadrovach is excited about WSP doing its part to vaccinate the community.

"It is exciting to think of health protocols being lifted and life returning to 'normal.' The key to keeping our community, city, state, and nation healthy is reaching that "herd immunity," Kadrovach said.

Kadrovach urges those who are not yet eligible for the vaccine to continue following protocol and safety guidelines.

"We have been able to resume some activities with the protocols and we need to continue to think of new ways to get back to normal and remain safe," Kadrovach said.

WSU Summer and Fall Semesters

As the state of Ohio begins to implement change, so does WSU.

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In an email addressed to the WSU community, President Sue Edwards emphasizes the need to welcome students back to campus.

“The university is basing this decision on current public health projections that the majority of the population will be vaccinated,” Edwards said.

Small-group orientation and in-person tours are also expected this upcoming summer.

“I remain very optimistic and enthused to continue planning toward the return of our campus community,” Edwards said.

For those wanting to be scheduled or placed on a waitlist for a Covid-19 vaccine at Wright State Physicians (WSP) please call 937.245.7200.

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Women's History Month Spotlight: Amani Abushamma

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Wright State University (WSU) STEM major Amani Abushamma breaks down boundaries while succeeding in her field, embodying the message of Women's History Month.

Background

According to the Pew Research Center, 50% of employed females are in STEM fields with only 30% of women in the role of physicians and surgeons, these numbers are even lower for women of minority status.

Not only is Abushamma a woman in STEM but, she also comes from a Middle Eastern and Muslim background.

Abushamma is a fifth-year double major at WSU studying Biology and Public Health. She plans to continue to medical school, with the ultimate goal of going into the field of pediatrics and preventive health.

Accomplishments

Abushamma is already well on her way to her goals due to her heavy involvement with programs and opportunities on campus.

The aspiring doctor succeeded in multiple internships in the medical field through the WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine and currently is a member and leader in two cohorts, The Women in STEM and The Women of Color Leadership Cohort.

Perhaps Abushamma's greatest accomplishment thus far is her work on the scientific article "Increasing Progenitor Cell Proliferation..." published in the scientific journal "Recent Patents on Drug Delivery & Formulation."

Overcoming obstacles

Abushamma, an accomplished and dedicated student and community member, faced obstacles on the road to these accomplishments.

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“I’ve had a lot of people doubt me because of my background. I’ve had a lot of people assume I am not smart enough,” Abushamma said.

The STEM studies, specifically medical related fields, require rigorous coursework and countless hours of hard work and dedication, dissuading many from pursuing these careers and sowing doubt on those who do.

Advice for future students

These obstacles did not stop the young student from achieving her goals and making further plans. Abushamma is not only a successful STEM major, but through her cohorts is a mentor for younger students in these fields.

She recognizes how difficult this field can be especially for women and minorities, yet encourages those who are interested.

“If this is something that you truly want to go into, recognize that this is going to be a very challenging but also a very rewarding path,” Abushamma said.

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April Craze Canceled Second Year in a Row Due to COVID

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For the second year, April Craze, an annual celebration of the end of the spring semester, is canceled due to the coronavirus.

“COVID is still a risk, and with April Craze being the biggest on-campus event, it’s a risk we didn’t want to take with students,” the event director Alexis Linden said.

Due to this being a large event, trying to figure out where the vendors and students could go to maximize social distancing was a difficult process. April Craze was not officially approved for 2021, according to Linden, since discussions had to be held with the head of event services.

“With all the requirements needed to host in-person events, we didn’t think the event would be able to be done with the level of safety we and the university have set,” Linden said.

April Craze was last held in 2019 in the Student Union Apollo Room due to rainy weather.

Uncertain attendance

Linden met with the president, vice president and advisor of the University Activities Board (UAB) and determined that canceling the event would be the best option. No talks of rescheduling the spring 2021 April Craze were held.

The UAB was unsure of how many students would attend April Craze this year, since many students who are taking online classes are not visiting campus, and whether other student organizations and vendors wanted to participate.

After the cancellation was announced, Linden emailed all outside vendors to let them know.

“Some responded saying that they were sad but understood and hoped to see us next year,” Linden said. “I am upset about canceling because this was my first year as the April Craze director and I was looking forward to putting on the event.”

In place of April Craze, the director is collaborating with other UAB staff in the hope of holding a spirit week during the period before final exams. This project is still in the early stages of development.

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Even with the current situation, Linden remains optimistic about whether the celebration will return for 2022.

"I was very sad to have to cancel it again this year and have hopes that we won't cancel for the third time," Linden said.

Student reactions

Students at the university have had mixed reactions to the cancellation of the 2021 April Craze. Mechanical engineering student Collin Charvat believes that not having the event this year is a good idea.

"Campus is dead and we are still in a critical time frame to limit contact," Charvat said. "In addition, the current fiscal position of the university lends itself perfectly to large events like that being canceled."

Computer science major Jonathan Goble is disappointed by the news because he and many other students cannot celebrate the end of their school year and/or time at Wright State by attending.

"I transferred to Wright State in fall 2019 and am graduating in fall 2021, so this means I will never get to experience an April Craze," Goble said.

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LEAP Students Adapt to Pandemic, Continue to Share Their Cultures

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Learning a new language is difficult and takes time, practice and immersion. The social distancing requirements and online format challenge some international students at Wright State University (WSU).

Despite this, students in WSU's Learning English for Academic and Professional Purposes (LEAP IEP) have adapted to the changes and are working to succeed.

Adapting to changes

Playing an instrumental role in the success of the LEAP program, Senior Lecturer and Director of LEAP Jeannette Horwitz aims to adjust her content to fit the demands of an online format and ensure her students succeed.

Additionally, Horwitz enjoys learning about the various countries and their respective cultures when interacting with her students. According to Horwitz, before the pandemic, the students would bring in sweet treats from their native countries to share with their peers and would often have coffee/tea together between classes.

To maintain that cultural exchange, they adapted by making to-go treat bags with snacks since students were unable to eat in the classrooms. Students maintained their ability to share their culture and experience the traditional treats of their peers.

This ability to maintain relationships and cultural exchange is paired with the success of students and staff in implementing Pilot and WebEx to continue their communication and learning. Horwitz explains that students were already used to using Pilot before the pandemic, so the adjustment was smooth and efficient.

"I would say overall students have learned at about the same pace as before the pandemic and we've been able to come up with alternative ways of doing things to make sure students are still making progress and meeting out learning outcomes," Horwitz said.

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

As a Professor of TESOL and Linguistics, Dr. Deborah Crusan works alongside Horwitz to ensure that students in the LEAP program can succeed. Crusan is no stranger to working with

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English language-learning (ELL) students to help them with their language skills, having experience teaching at WSU and around the world.

Crusan indicates that she is not working with ELL students this semester but that she imagines that they are struggling with engagement due to their lack of interaction compared to previous semesters. It has even affected her ability to find TESOL students at WSU internship opportunities to gain in-class experience with teaching.

“Everything is online, so the human touch is missing from their internships; I’m grateful that supervisors were willing to take students, but it must be difficult for both parties,” Crusan said.

Student Perspective: Dina Alanazi

Moving to a new country is one of the most challenging transitions: new language, new culture, new everything. However, Dina Alanazi has handled this transition with stride and is working eagerly to perfect her English language abilities.

Being from Saudi Arabia, Alanazi’s native language is Arabic. She studied some English in Saudi Arabia, but most of her English was learned in the LEAP program. Her goal is to improve her English skills enough to enroll at WSU as a Computer Sciences major and work towards her degree.

According to Alanazi, she is relieved to be having in-person classes again and looks forward to seeing more students on campus soon as things progress and become safe again.

“I learn more and better in person and I like to be around other students. I like to sit with friends and talk with them in class. I like to see people,” Alanazi said.